

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** an accumulation of excessive iron can result in disease of the liver, heart, pancreas, and joints and possible death if left untreated; and

**WHEREAS,** hemochromatosis or iron overload can be hereditary or acquired and results from an abnormal iron metabolism that permits absorption of too much iron from an ordinary diet; and

**WHEREAS,** one out of every 200 South Carolinians is estimated to carry the double genes that cause an accumulation of excessive iron stores; and

**WHEREAS,** while iron overload is difficult to diagnose due to the late onset of symptoms, it can be effectively treated when detected early through available hemochromatosis screening tests.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 21 – 27, 2003, as

### IRON OVERLOAD AWARENESS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to participate in protecting their health by working together to raise awareness of the negative consequences of excess iron.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

**MARK SANFORD**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**